# **Volunteers in Parks**

## **Job Description**

Volunteers can assist the National Park Service in many ways including visitor center operations, resource management projects, research work, historic and natural history program, clerical assistance, historic restoration, park maintenance, and more.

Job Title: Behind a Tour Specialist (BATS), Timpanogos Cave National Monument

### **Duties and responsibilities:**

This is a youth stewardship program designed to expose youth to the National Park Service. They will be required to hike the 1.5 mile cave trail without supervision to reach the cave system. BATS assist park guides on interpretive cave tours by trailing the tour and helping to keep the tour groups together. BATS also assist with gathering visitors for the cave tours, reminding visitors of cave policies and rules, and assist with other duties as needed.

#### Skills needed/preferred:

Enjoy working with the public. Communicate effectively with the public and with NPS staff.

#### **Working conditions/Special Hazards:**

The 1.5 mile trail to the caves is paved, but steep and exposed in various locations. There is always a possibility of inclement weather, rock fall, rattlesnakes (or other animals). Special working conditions in the cave include low lighting, damp/cold environment, tripping hazards, and low ceilings in some locations.

#### Benefits to volunteers (note training if applicable):

Experience in the National Park Service! Interacting with visitors from all over the country and the world. You will learn a variety of skills that will help prepare you for future careers. Hours spent volunteering may go towards experience on a resume for future job opportunities. And it is a great way to stay fit.

Number of volunteers needed: Age Requirement: Starting Date:
14 and older May

#### **Minimum commitment:**

4 hours per month

Location of Position: Supervisor: Phone:

Cave System, check-in at Visitor Center Roberta Jacobsmeyer 756-5239 x 206

#### **Other Comments:**

A uniform will be provided that will be required to worn while volunteering. If the volunteer is under 18 years of age, the parental permission section of the Volunteer Agreement must be completed and signed.

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